

Region Commander Safety Message #7



(2nd Edition) Motorcycle Safety Alert

Be visible:

- Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time.
- Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.
- Wear bright clothing.
- Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle.
- Be aware of the blind spots cars and trucks have.
- Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.

Dress for safety:

- Remember - there's nothing but clothing between you and the road.
- Wear a quality ANSI-approved helmet and eye protection.
- Wear leather or other thick, protective clothing.
- Choose long sleeves and pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
- During daylight hours riders will wear either a brightly colored outer garment or a brightly colored cover over the top of the upper outer garment.
- During hours of darkness riders will wear either an upper outer garment with reflective material sewn into it or a reflective cover over the top of the upper outer garment.

Apply effective mental strategies:

- Constantly scan the road for changing conditions.
- Give yourself space and time to react to other motorists.
- Give other motorists time and space to react to you.
- Use lane positioning to be seen: Ride in the part of a lane where you are most visible.
- Watch for turning vehicles.
- Signal your next move in advance.
- Avoid weaving between lanes.
- Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Know and follow the rules of the road.
- Stick to the speed limit.

If you drive a car: Tips for sharing the road

- Be especially watchful at intersections and when turning left.
- Use your turn signal and check your blind spot before changing lanes or turning.
- Remember that motorcycle riders deserve the same privileges as other roadway users.


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